FISCAL NOTE

HB 2537

February 7, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the penalty from an average fine of \$50 to an average fine of \$150 for failing to yield right-of-way to an approaching emergency vehicle and failure to yield right-of-way to a stationary emergency vehicle. Encourages TDOT to alter existing signage to inform the public of the punishment.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - \$64,600 Increase State Expenditures - \$15,730 One-Time/Highway Fund

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - \$3,400

Assumptions:

- Approximately 680 annual violations.
- The State will receive fines, and the clerks will receive commission on such fines in accordance with TCA 55-10-303.
- An average fine increase of \$100 per violation.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures to alter existing signage. Although the bill encourages TDOT to alter existing signage, the fiscal note reflects such cost in anticipation that TDOT would alter such signage.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director